The decline in basmait exports in 1994-95 is not entirely attributable to international competition.

(c) Government proposes to encourage the exports of basmati rice. Some measures taken in this respect include the removal of price and quantity restrictions in addition to assistance in organising overseas campaigns and participation in trade fairs/exhibitions.

Exim policy as business challenge for BHEL

6781. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Export-Import Policy has become a business challenge for BHEL;

(b) if so the details thereof:

(c) whether Government propose to take measures to avert this situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The current Export and Import Policy, generally speaking, does not make any distinction between the Public Sector and the Private Sector. Therefore, by providing similar opportunities, the Export Import Policy operate* in the best interest of both the sectors.

पूर्ति विभाग द्वारा फर्जी संगठन के नाम पर कम्बलों की आपूर्ति किया जाना

6782. श्री आस मोहम्मद :
श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्ति विभाग ने एक फर्जी महिला संगठन के नाम पर कम्बलों की आपूर्ति की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई जांच की है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका क्या परिणाम निकला और इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ) उपर्युक्त (क) को मद्देनजर रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

EOU Entering Areas marked for small scale sector

6783. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA ^ Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow large export oriented unit* to enter areas earlier marked for Small Scale Sectors and for allocation of fund* to States for building infrastructure for Export Oriented Units;

(b) if so, what are the details trere-for; and

(c) what are the details of precautions taken for the protection of Small Scale Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Export-Oriented units (EOUs) under take to export their-antire production and may be set up for all permissible items including those reserved for Small Scale Industries (SSI). EOUs are provided with a limited access to the domestic market as a safety net against international market fluctuations but this is not expected to significantly affect the domestic industry.

Besides, non-SSI units in the Domestis Tariff Area are also permitted to manufacture items reserved for the small Scale sector on their undertaking to export 75 per cent of their production.